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Sir :

On October 24, 2001, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter, along with copies of the documents cited therein and a Form PTO-1449 listing the cited documents. Applicant notes that the initialed PTO-1449 form has never been returned.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 24, 2001 (and the documents cited therein), a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed therewith, and a copy of the respective date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2894259, published on March 5, 1999, along with an English language abstract thereof;

U.S. Patent No. 5,635,795 to Itoh et al., issued on June 3, 1997; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,789,858 to Itoh et al., issued on August 4, 1998.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed English language abstract. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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